

CURRICULUM VITAE



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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University Education:

Ph.D. Studies- Currently doctorate student (provisional registration), Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi. Research topic: *"Biofuels Value Chain: Opportunities or Threats for Food Security in Arid Lands in Kenya?"* Draft proposal presented in a Departmental Seminar on 1st February, 2012.

Master of Arts (Sociology), 2001, University of Nairobi. Thesis title: *"Determinants of Girls' Schooling after Pre-marital Pregnancies: A study of Kenyena Division, Kisii District."*

B.A. (Hons.) Second Class, Upper Division. Sociology and History: 1994, University of Nairobi.

Advanced Level Education:

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (K.A.C.E) 1989: Nyansiongo High School: Four Principals and One Subsidiary - History, Kiswahili, Geography, C.R.E. and General Paper.

Secondary School Education

Kenya Certificate of Education (K.C.E.) 1987: Nyamagwa Secondary School: First Division - 23 Points.

Primary School Education:

Certificate of Primary Education (C.P.E.) 1982: Ikenye Primary School.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

January, 2002 to date: Member of academic staff; Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi. Initially as part-time Lecturer and currently as fulltime Tutorial Fellow.

January, 2008 to date: Part-time Lecturer; Department of Social Sciences, The Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

October, 2008 to date: Part-time Lecturer; University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID).

Courses Taught:

Ordinary Diploma

- Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology
- Administration of Social Welfare Organizations
- Introduction to Programme Planning and Impact Assessment
- Methods of Social Investigation
- Research Methods for Development Practice

Bachelors

- Introduction to Sociology- Core course, 1st year
- Introduction to Anthropology- Core course, 1st year
- Socialization Process- Core course, 1st year
- Sociology of Education- 2nd year course
- Social Structures of East African Societies-2nd year course
- Social Stratification, Social Class and Social Mobility-2nd year course
- Medical Sociology- 3rd year course
- Qualitative Research Methods- 3rd year course
- Formal Organizations- 3rd year course
- Demography-3rd year course
- Sociology of Mass Communication-4th year course
- Relief and Development Assistance-4th year course

Postgraduate

- Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Nyang'au, T.N. (2009), "**Changing Social Structure.**" In Ng'ethe, N. and Omosa, M.(eds.), *Drivers and Maintainers of Poverty in Kenya: A Research Agenda*, IDS Occasional Paper No. 73. Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi.

Nyang'au, T.N. and Misati, L. (2011), "**The Link between Rural Poverty and HIV/AIDS**". Book Chapter. In Chitere, P. and Mutiso R. (eds.) *Working With Rural Communities*. Second Edition. Nairobi: University of Nairobi Press.

Nyang'au, T.N. and M'Imunya J.M., (2009), **Qualitative Research Methods**. A Teaching Module for Postgraduate Fellows at University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Researcher, February-March, 2012; *The Heroin Crisis and the National and Provincial Response: A Rapid Assessment in Kenya's Coastal Province, Namanga and Nairobi*.

Principal Researcher, July, 2007-March, 2008; *Risk Reduction in Conflict Mitigation: Developing Practical Solutions for Intervention by Humanitarian Organizations*. Study conducted for Kenya Red Cross Society. Research team coordinated by Dr. Robinson Ocharo.

Researcher, March-July, 2007; *Employee Job Satisfaction Survey*. Study conducted for National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation (NWC&PC). Coordinated by Dr. Paul N. Mbatia

Researcher and Data Analyst, June, 2006-November, 2006; *National Core Values Study*. Study conducted by UNESCO office, University of Nairobi. Served as team leader during fieldwork.

Researcher and Data Analyst, November, 2004- January, 2005; *The Social Impact of Codes of Practice in the Cut Flower Industry in Kenya*. Phase III. Study conducted by UNESCO office, University of Nairobi.

Trainer of Social Mentors, October, 2004; *Social Mentoring Programme*, Second Phase. Training facilitated by UNESCO office, University of Nairobi.

Data Analyst, August, 2004; *The Social Impact of Codes of Practice in the Cut Flower Industry in Kenya*. Phase II. Study conducted by UNESCO office, University of Nairobi.

Research Assistant, May-June, 2004; *Universal Access to Communication Services in Rural Kenya*. Study conducted by Institute for Development Studies (University of Nairobi) and Central Bureau of Statistics for Communications Commission of Kenya.

Research Assistant, February, 2004; *An Evaluation of Free Primary Education in Kenya*. Assignment done for UNESCO and Ministry of Education Science and Technology.

Data Analyst, Nov.-Dec., 2003 for African Regional Centre of Computing (ARCC) in the study "*Rapid Assessment of the ICT Status in Kenya*."

Research Assistant, November 2002 - May, 2003; *Ethnic Cleavages, Inequality and Governance of the Public Sector in Kenya*. By Dr. Karuti Kanyinga and Dr. Kaendi Munguti.

Research Assistant, May 5 - 16, 2003; *A Baseline Survey on the Situation of Child Domestic Workers in Kenya*. By Dr. Mary Omosa.

Research Assistant and Data Analyst, 2001; *Social Support Systems: A Comparative Study of Kenya and South Africa*. By Prof. Priscilla Kariuki.

Research Assistant, March 2000; *Analysis of the Implementation Capacity for the STEPS Project*. Study co-ordinated by C. Odhiambo Mbai on behalf of Ministry of Education and Manpower Development.

Research Assistant, August 1998: *Handling of Patients at Nairobi City Council's Special Treatment Clinic*. Study co-ordinated by Dr. Rakwar of University of Nairobi.

Researcher, July-September, 1997; *"Determinants of Girls' Schooling after Pre-marital Pregnancies: A Study of Kenyena Division, Kisii District."* Study conducted by self in partial fulfilment of M.A. requirements.

Research Assistant, September, 1996- March, 1997: *Multipartyism and National Integration: The Kenya Case*; by Dr. Robinson M. Ocharo.

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Higher Education and its Social Impact by 2030," Paper presented on 25th February, 2009 during the JEPAK Annual Conference held at Panafric Hotel. Theme of the Conference: *Education, Nationalism and Vision 2030*.

"Bio-fuels Value Chain: Opportunities or Threats for Poverty Reduction and Gender Inequality in Kenya?" Paper presented on 14th August, 2008 during a workshop held at the University of Nairobi and organized by the Department of Sociology.

"Socio-cultural Processes and Chronic Poverty in Kenya," Paper presented on 23rd November, 2006 during a workshop organized by Chronic Poverty Research Centre (Kenya), Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi.

HOBBIES

Writing short fiction stories, participating in welfare activities, watching soccer, listening to radio broadcasts.

REFEREES

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